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REMARKS

1. After 9 August 1953, no VPL soldiers were seen at Welzow airfield and in the town of Welzow. On the morning of 9, 11, 12 and 15 August, one train each arrived at the airfield. These trains carried about 500 Soviet air force personnel, trucks, radio trucks, jeeps, billeting equipment, 40 to 50 aircraft entrance ladders painted red, a number of 4-wheeled carts about 2.5 meters wide and 2 meters long, some fuel containers and a sizeable number of empty crates each about 200 x 120 x 90 cm. Unloading operations were supervised by a Soviet air force lieutenant colonel who was previously observed at the field. Jeeps were seen.

2. On 12 August, 22 to 24 jet fighters parked between runway and eastern taxiway, a twin-engine plane, 2 biplanes and a single-engine low-wing monoplane. There was no flying. From 1 to 7 p.m. on 26 August 1953, on the northeastern side of the field 42 to 45 jet fighters and 2 single-engine low-wing monoplanes. Weather was 2/10 overcast with good visibility. At 1 p.m., there was air activity by MiG-15s, which took off individually at large intervals. A MiG-15 which towed an air sleeve was seen aloft. The air sleeve was attacked by individual MiG-15s which approached sideways from the rear. No firing was heard. About 5 p.m., two flights and an element of two planes took off within a period of about 20 seconds. The planes landed individually.

there was no change in the occupation of the field. MiG-15s made individual flights in cloudy weather.

3. About 4 p.m. on 12 August, a train arrived on the spur track of the airfield. The train included several flatcars loaded with trucks and 10 to 12 gondola cars loaded with billeting equipment. a similar train had arrived at the field already the morning of 12 August. 1

4. On 12 August, 10 to 15 trucks and 8 AA guns, probably of 37-mm caliber west of the multiple road junction near the old flight control station. About 200 meters south of this point there were 7 new 2-story billeting buildings, of which 4 were completed while the remainder were still under construction. On 27 August, at least 150 motor vehicles, most of them trucks, and 16 artillery pieces of a caliber from 30 to 40 mm at the parking site west of the old flight control station. Construction work on the quartering buildings continued.

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